

Why Play at Monroe?

Playing basketball at Monroe offers a wide variety of advantages over other options in the Fairbanks Community. First and foremost, the school offers unquestionably the best education you will find, and education must come first. While we want to work with your son on the basketball court and help him to reach his basketball potential, this is never our number one goal. Our primary goal is to develop your son so he will ultimately become the best Husband, Father, Employee or Employer, he can possibly be. We simply use basketball as the vehicle to teach the life skills necessary to accomplish this task.

One of the key reasons to choose Monroe is the availability of our facility and the willingness of our coaching staff to make it available. No gym is open more than ours. In the summer, a player can come in each day, sign in, get a ball and play on their own from 9am till 4pm. There is no charge and they do not need a parent with them. In early August, through the start of the basketball season, the gym will be open for open gym no less than three days a week and I will make sure the gym is open at 6am for your son to come in and develop his skills at least a couple times a week.

At Monroe, your son will be looked after and his success and well being will be paramount. **No head boy's basketball coach in all of Fairbanks works in the high school they coach. I am here every day.** I will see your son daily. If he is not taking care of business in the classroom, I will hear about it and he will be in my office discussing how we can create a plan for academic success. If your son is disrespectful in any class, I will hear about it and we will discuss it. High school boys tend to need guidance and I will be here every step of the way to work with you to ensure your son reaches his full potential.

The basketball tradition at Monroe is the best in town, perhaps all of Alaska. We boast an Alumni Club ensuring we have what we need to be

successful. Your son will have the best shooting machine in town at his disposal, paid for by alumni. Your son will get the brand new practice gear each year and the best uniforms, all paid for by Alumni. There is no place better to be a good basketball player and be the best team, than Monroe.

Finally, our coaching staff is second to none. In the past eight years, every local high school has hired a new coach, with three of these schools hiring four head coaches over that same time. No local high school coach has more than three years of head coaching experience. Coach Burcell and myself have been together for eight years and each of our assistant coaches has been a head coach at the JV, Jr. high or AAU level. Stability is key to success and at Monroe, you can depend on it.

If you want to see your son reach his potential as a young man, Monroe is clearly the best option.